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DE SOTO COUNTY SOLONS HOLD A VERY IMPORTANT SESSION

**Items Pertaining to Welfare of
County Taken Up, The Usual
Monthly Bill Engrossed and
Ordered Paid.**

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto county met in their office in the court house at Arcadia, Fla., Dec. 4, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present Wm. King, chairman, D. J. Brown, N. C. Larson, E. F. Bostick and J. H. Concanannon. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Firearm bond of T. P. Lewis with H. Simmons and S. E. Roberts as sureties, approved and permit issued.

Firearm bond of W. J. Langford with A. M. Smith and Z. H. Simmons as sureties, approved and permit issued.

Firearm bond of J. H. Peeples with T. B. King and H. L. King as sureties, approved and permit issued.

Firearm bond of H. L. King with J. H. Peeples and T. B. King as sureties, approved and permit issued.

Propositions will be received at the meeting of the board in January, 1906, for county attorney and county physician for the year 1906.

The comptroller is hereby recommended to allow John M. Bates to redeem the w¹ of sw¹, sec. 16, tp. 37 s., r. 24 e., at a valuation of \$100, each year for all back taxes, including taxes for subsequent years without interest.

The county officers filed their respective reports.

A petition was received from the citizens of Zolfo asking the appointment of H. M. Craft as inspector of cattle slaughtered in said district. The said Mr. Craft is hereby appointed as such inspector subject to his filing the proper bond.

A petition from the citizens of Wauchula asking for a public road to be run as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Wauchula and Zolfo road east of W. A. McEwen's and running in a south-westerly direction to a point east of Jeff Williams, thence south to a point opposite Henry Johns, thence south west to intersect upper Zolfo road. Said petition was filed and the following blazers appointed: F. F. Brown, M. J. Raulerson and L. W. Whitehurst. The appointment was mailed to L. W. Whitehurst, Wauchula, Fla.

G. W. McLane, J. P., reports nothing doing from his district No. 7, this month.

Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$200 from district No. 8, to District No. 4.

Whereas, it is made to appear to the county commissioners from the report of the blazers herein appointed and the report by the clerk that notice has been duly given herein to the road known and described as follows: Leave the old road at the half mile line of section 17, running south to section line, said line being the dividing line between J. B. Brewer, Futch, J. S. Perry and S. D. Smoke, following the section line half mile, connecting back to the old road on a line between E. B. Johnson's and T. J. Howard's place. It is therefore ordered that the said road be and the same is hereby declared a public road and highway. The grade of this road shall be 30 feet wide.

The blazers having reported on the following described road and the clerk having advertised the same in accordance with law, the same is hereby declared a public road and highway: Leave the Arcadia and Charlotte Harbor road south of Mrs. Johnson's, about one half mile and run in a southeasterly direction and cross Horse Creek near its intersection with Peace River. The grade of this road shall be 30 feet wide.

Owing to the financial condition of our road and bridge fund, it is considered unwise to take any action to build a bridge across Caloosahatchee River at LaBelle City.

Committee bought from Clark Brown enough trees to fill out space

on poor farm, \$100 was ordered paid on this account.

A petition was received from the citizens of Fort Ogden asking for the establishment of a public road to run as follows: Commencing in the street at the corner of Dr. Smoke's and Mr. Russell's places and run east between the places of Mrs. McClenithans and Ed. Tippins to A. C. L. railroad, thence east across the railroad to extend to the Punta Gorda road a distance of about one fourth mile. The petition filed and the following blazers appointed: H. J. Fort, John Daugherty and W. F. Griffith and appointment sent to H. J. Fort, Fort Ogden.

A petition received from citizens of Fort Ogden to run as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of George Noland's fence, on the range line and run south along said line one quarter of a mile to the intersection of the road leading from old Fort Ogden to the depot. The petition was filed and the following blazers appointed: John Thornton, J. F. Howell and M. J. O'Conner and appointment sent to John Thornton, Ft. Ogden, Fla.

A petition was received from the citizens of Ft. Ogden asking for a road to run as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of nw¹ of sec. 18, township 39 south, range 24 east, running south one half mile on subdivision line to section 19, thence east one mile to be connected with the Prairie Creek road. The following blazers appointed: J. W. Lanier, A. J. McLenon and J. H. Edwards, and appointment sent to J. W. Lanier, Fort Ogden.

Pension application of David S. Lanier presented and approved by the board.

A road petition has been received from the citizens of Joshua Creek asking for a new road.

The petition was filed and D. W. Brown commissioner appointed as a committee to see the parties interested and arrange for the relief of the emergency explained to the board.

Propositions will be received at the regular meeting in Jan. 1906, for separate bid for county printing and stationery.

E. T. Bostick, commissioner, is hereby authorized to purchase a tent for county convicts.

The sheriff is hereby allowed \$40 per month for jailer.

There being no further business the board adjourned to meet again the first Monday in Jan. 1906.

Death of R. N. Pylant.

On Sunday last, Dec. 3, Robert Nelson Pylant, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Polk county, died at his home near Homeland in this county.

Mr. Pylant was born in South Carolina on the 5th of September, 1820, and was therefore more than eight-five years of age at the time of his death. He removed to Florida in 1858 and after living in Tampa for several years, came to Polk county and settled at Homeland, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He was a soldier in the Confederate service during the war, serving his state faithfully in her time of need, and since that time he has been one of her best citizens. He was not only a consistent Christian, but labored in the vineyard of the Master for many years as a local preacher of the Baptist church.

Mr. Pylant was twice married, his second wife surviving him. He also leaves two daughters and one son and a large number of grand children and great grand children. The daughters are Mrs. B. F. Stokes and Mrs. L. H. Larue, and the son, J. B. Pylant, former county commissioner and at present game warden of the county.

The burial took place at Homeland on Monday afternoon, the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased was a member, conducting it according to their beautiful and impressive ritual.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT PINE LEVEL.

**Miss May Myers Shot and Killed by
Her Cousin, Floyd Green.**

The citizens of Pine Level were shocked Wednesday afternoon when the announcement was made that Miss May Myers had been shot and killed by her cousin, Floyd Green, the affair being an accident.

As near as could be learned by the News reporter, the young man and lady were in the house alone, the former preparing to go on a hunt. He was getting his gun in shape, when by unknown cause the gun fired, the load of shot striking the young lady in the left eye, tearing away the entire top of her head, and killing her almost instantly.

The unfortunate young lady was a sweet and attractive person, beloved by all who knew her, being seventeen years of age.

The boy was twelve years of age, and was almost prostrate with grief at the sad accident.

The remains of Miss Green were interred in the Pine Level cemetery Thursday. The News joins the many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

BOARD PUBLIC INSTRUCTION DOES MUCH BUSINESS

Election Returns From School Districts Received—Appropriations for Library Purposes—General Routine Work Occupies Most of Meeting.

Arcadia, Fla., Dec. 5, 1905.

The Board of Public Instruction met in regular session. Members present: Wm. P. Marshall, T. R. Strake and Joseph H. Brown, secretary.

Minutes read and approved. Library appropriations made as follows: Wauchula High school, \$10. Gardner school, \$10.

Election returns received from special elections held in Gardner, Brownville and Arcadia on Saturday, December 2nd, 1905, and results declared as follows:

Arcadia District No. 1, boundaries extended so as to read as follows: Beginning at the nw corner of sec 18, tp 37 s of r 25 e, thence east to se corner of sec 12, tp 37 s, r 30 e, thence south to ne corner of sec 1, tp 39, r 30, thence east to Lake Okeechobee, thence southeasterly along the border of said lake to township line between townships 39 and 40, thence west along said township line to sw corner of sec 39, r 27 e, thence north to nw corner of tp 39, r 27, thence west to sw corner of tp 38, r 26, thence north to nw corner of tp 38, r 26, thence west to sw corner sec 33, tp 37, r 25, thence south to se corner sec 5, tp 38, r 25, thence west to sw corner of said sec 5, thence south to se corner of sec 7, thence west to sw corner of sec 11, tp 38, r 24, thence north to nw corner of sec 35, tp 37, r 24, thence west to sw corner of sec 27, tp 27, r 24, thence north to nw cor of said sec 27, thence west to ne corner of said sec 27, thence north to nw corner of sec 23, tp 37, r 24, thence east to nw corner of sec 19, tp 37, r 25 e, thence north to nw cor of sec 18, tp 37, r 25, the place of beginning.

Brownville Special Tax School District No. 13, established with boundaries as follows: Beginning at the sw corner of sec 7, tp 27 s, r 25 e, and running north to sw corner of sec 19, tp 36 s, r 25 e, thence east to se corner of sec 24, tp 36 s, r 30 e, thence south to the se corner of sec 12, tp 37 s of r 30 e, thence west to sw corner of sec 7, tp 37 s of r 25 e to place of beginning. Trustees elected, D. S. Williams, F. M. Alderman, A. S. Waldron.

Number of mills to be assessed in

Death of Jonathan Skipper.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, "Jack" Skipper, as he was known among his friends, of DeSoto county, died at the home of his brother, Postmaster E. E. Skipper, near this city. The remains were placed in charge of Undertakers Angle & Wilson and carried to Crewsville, the home of the deceased, where they were buried on Thursday morning.

PURE FOOD EXHIBIT TO BE AT JACKSONVILLE.

Manufacturers' Pure Food and Industrial Exposition.

The date for the opening of the Manufacturers' Pure Food and Industrial Exposition is not far distant. With an elaborate and interesting program, the doors will be thrown open to the public on January 4th, and will not be closed until the 18th.

While hundreds of columns of articles have been published in the newspapers at home and abroad about the exposition, a short story outlining its plans, purposes and attractions will be read with interest by the general public.

It is important to know, to begin with, that the exposition company is composed of well known Jacksonville business men—men of means and ability who have the industrial interests of the city at heart. The company will not spare expense in making the exposition an artistic as well as a material success.

A conservative prediction is that over fifty thousand people will attend the Manufacturers' Pure Food and Industrial Exposition.

the next ensuing two years, 3.

Gardner Special Tax School District No. 14, established with boundaries as follows: Beginning at the sw corner of sec 19, tp 36 s, r 25 e, and running north to ne corner of sec 24, tp 36 s of r 24 e, thence west to nw corner of said sec 24, thence north to nw corner of sec 25, tp 35 s, r 25 e, thence east to ne corner of sec 25, tp 35 s, r 25 e, thence south to se corner of sec 24, tp 36 s of r 25 e, thence west to sw corner of sec 19, tp 36 s of r 25 e, place of beginning. Trustees elected, J. W. Hampton, W. L. Almond, J. H. Coker.

Number of mills to be assessed the next ensuing two years, 3.

Petitions having been duly published and presented by the citizens of Bowling Green (including Torrey) for an extension of their special tax school district and from citizens of Spring Valley for the establishment of a special tax school district, special elections were ordered within said districts (see notice of election for boundaries) to be held Saturday, December 30th, 1905, for the purpose of establishing special school tax district, to elect three trustees, and to determine the number of mills to be assessed and collected for the next ensuing two years.

Inspectors for Bowling Green, J. J. Peeples, Cyrus Jones, J. R. Vaughan, Clerk, Philip Sauls.

Inspectors for Spring Valley: Marion Whidden, J. B. Hudson, R. W. O'Berry.

Application for state aid presented by the trustees of the Wauchula High school examined, approved and forwarded to the state superintendent of public instruction.

Treasurers' report received and approved.

Accounts audited and warrants issued from Nos. 1 to 83 inclusive, from the general fund and from No. 176 to No. 183 from the special funds.

Board adjourned Tuesday to meet Tuesday, Dec. 19, in special session for the purpose of examining and approving any applications that may be presented for state aid.

WM. P. MARSHALL,
JOS. H. BROWN, Chairman.
Secretary.

Mr. Skipper had been in bad health for some time and was on his return from Green Springs where he had gone in the hope of being benefited. Growing steadily worse however, he returned to his brother's home here and in a few days breathed his last.

We extract the following appreciative notice from the Zolfo Advertiser of last week:

"Mr. Skipper was one of the

DeSOTO COUNTY TEACHERS HOLD INSTITUTE HERE

**Meeting a Most Instructive One,
Attendance Good and Interest
Well Up, Fine Program Was
Rendered.**

foremost citizens of this section and belonged to a large and prominent pioneer family. He was a large stock and land owner and had by his superb business ability and honorable effort accumulated property sufficient to make his family independent.

He leaves a wife and several children, most of whom are about grown, who will miss his tender care and loving companionship.

To the disconsolate widow and orphans and sorrowing relatives, The Advertiser joins with the numerous friends of the family in extending sincere sympathy in their hour of great affliction.

VETERAN'S REUNION.

**In Jacksonville Dec. 13 and 14—
Headquarters at Hotel Windsor—
Will Be Memorable Occasion.**

During the fifteenth annual encampment and reunion of the Florida division, United Confederate Veterans, headquarters will be maintained at the Hotel Windsor.

A suite of rooms at the Windsor has been engaged, and here the leading officers of the division will transact all matters of business outside of that which is carried on in the Board of Trade rooms at the general sessions of the delegates from the several camps. At the Windsor Hotel delegates will present their credentials in order that they may be assigned seats in the hall, and receive full instructions regarding the work of the reunion.

Delegates from the several camps of Veterans, and from the different camps of Sons of Veterans, will also be registered at the Windsor, and during the hours that the division is not in session the lobbies will be filled with the old soldiers of the Confederacy.

THE OLD FLAGS.

The committee from R. E. Lee Camp is now busily engaged in going over the rosters of the several camps and picking out the survivors of the regiments whose old battleflags will be carried at the head of the parade. As far as possible, it is desired to have each of the seven or eight flags carried by a survivor of the original regiment that followed them into battle, thus adding greatly to the sentiment that already clusters about them.

All of the military commands of the city will be ordered out to act as an escort to the Veterans in the parade.

VERY LOW RAILROAD RATES.

The rate is one cent a mile from all points in Florida, plus 25 cents, for the actual distance traveled. The minimum rate will be 50 cents. Tickets will be restricted to continuous passage in each direction and will be sold December 12, and for trains scheduled to reach Jacksonville in the forenoon of December 13.

The final limit for the return, prior to which passengers must reach their original starting point, has been fixed at midnight of December 15.

Sponsor and Maid.

Miss Clio Walker and Miss Lucy Belle Bailey have been appointed by Gen. Jewell, sponsor and maid of honor, respectively, for the Third Brigade, at the great U. C. V. reunion to be held in Jacksonville on Dec. 13 and 14.

If we didn't capture first prize "at" the fair in Tampa, we will capture it "for" the fairest at Jacksonville.

The Arcadia Music House has for the present located at Dishong Bros. store. All orders will be promptly filled. We are again building in the same old place and our stock is again replaced by receiving several carloads of new goods since the fire.

The Teachers' Institute held in Arcadia Friday and Saturday was well attended, forty-five of DeSoto county's leading teachers being present. Owing to the absence of some of the teachers a full program was not rendered, nevertheless those who did come to the front did their part well and many instructive topics were discussed.

The address of welcome by the mayor was delivered in a few well chosen words, and Supt. Brown was characteristic of his straightforward way in expressing his views.

The following topics were ably discussed by the respective teachers chosen:

Different Methods of Teaching—Miss Ethel Miles.

Spelling Matches—Uses and Abuses—J. H. Fulks.

Relative Value of Reading in Other Studies—Miss Almira Leitner.

Relative Value of the Word, Sentence and Alphabet Methods—Mrs. C. N. McEwen.

What are Some of the Mistakes in Teaching Reading?—Miss Lily Geiger.

Report on School Libraries—Supt. Brown.

To What Extent Should a Teacher Understand Psychology?—Prof. P. G. Shaves.

What is School Method?—Miss Esther LeGette.

What Shall We Do with the Dull Pupil?—J. L. Carlton.

How Can we Secure a Better Attendance?—Miss Eva Dawson.

To What Extent Should Objects be Used in Teaching Arithmetic?—Miss Grace Stephens.

Should the Teacher Give Work not in the Text—If So, to What Extent?—Miss Lois Porter.

What Should Be the Qualifications of the Teacher?—Prof. Eugene Murphy.

Importance of the Recitation—How Conducted?—Miss Laura Mitchell.

What Is Good Order—How Secured?—Prof. E. J. Murphy.

What Is the Psychological Value of Grammar?—Prof. J. H. Fulks.

To What Extent Should Diagramming be Taught?—Miss Alice Leitner.

What Should Pupils be Taught in Language Lessons?—Miss Frances Wilkinson.

Why Do Pupils Have Trouble in the Study of History?—W. B. Jones.

To What Extent Should Current History be Taught?—T. J. Brantley.

Should History be Taught as a Reading Lesson—Why?—Oran Baldwin.

How and to What Extent Should Oral Geography be Taught?—Miss Harriet Heusted.

Value of Map Drawing—G. W. Alexander.

What are the Most Serious Mistakes in Teaching Geography?—A. A. Price.

Should Oral Physiology be Taught—If so, to What Extent?—L. G. Hull.

In addition to the program, there were general discussions and many side lights were thrown on the numerous difficult problems which often harass the conscientious teacher, leaving the impression that there is a priceless value in a general meeting of teachers at least this often.

Notice.

All parties indebted to Owen H. Parker are kindly requested to call and settle at the mayor's office, in the DeSoto Block, for same.

Respectfully,
OWEN H. PARKER.

Cabbage Plants.

Charleston Wakefield variety. Fine field grown plants, \$1.50 per 1000 f. o. b. Nocatee, 40c per 100 postpaid. For sale by
J. W. FREEMAN,
Nocatee, Fla.

You will find a first class stock of general merchandise at F. W. Kays opposite the First National Bank.

The News feels grateful to business men of Arcadia for the number in which they are standing